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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda

**Implementation of resolutions and activities relating to the
Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation**

**South African Geographical Names Council and
Standardisation of Geographical Names**

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SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICAN GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES COUNCIL AND STANDARDISATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

AGENDA ITEM 7

Summary: The aim of the document is to give a brief summary of all standardization activities taking place in South Africa in order to support and promote the activities of the UNGEGN.

Legislation: It is established through the South African Geographical Names Council Act (Act No 118 of 1998)

Council Details: Chairperson (Mr Jonny Mohlala) and Deputy Chairperson (Ms Jane Mufamadi)

Dr Dr B.A Meiring, Ms S Sekitla, Ms P Dyantyi, Ms A Mawela, Dr E.M. Dikotla, Ms N Tyamazshe, Mr C Van Der Merwe, Mr E McPherson, MS P Habile, MR K Maluleke, Mr S Janda

Term of office: 2014/11/01 to 2017/11/01

In terms of the act the South African Geographical Names Council meets at least three times a year to consider applications for standardization of geographical names.

Number of names approved thus far:

LANGUAGES										TOTAL NUMBER OF NAMES PER LANGUAGE
	NW	GP	KZN	EC	MP	WC	NC	LP	FS	
AFRIKAANS	15	5	2	0	4	4	0	3	0	33
ENGLISH	8	26	5	2	16	8	0	13	1	79
ISINDEBELE	1	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	25
ISIZULU	0	5	319	0	29	0	0	0	1	354
SESOTHO	0	2	0	4	5	0	0	0	23	34
SESOTHO SA LEBOA	3	2	0	1	36	1	0	163	1	207
SETSWANA	111	4	1	0	7	0	3	7	3	136
SISWATI	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	88
TSHIVENDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	90

XITSONGA	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	23	0	43
ISIXHOSA	0	0	0	235	1	3	1	0	0	240
OTHERS OR UNKNOWN NAMES	10	4	13	2	9	1	2	21	2	64
TOTAL NUMBER OF NAMES	148	48	340	244	239	17	6	320	31	1393

Amongst the recent changes on place names are the following:

New Name	Old Name	Province
iNtabazwe	Harrismith	Free State
Majweka	Kaffirskraal	Free State
Hlohlolwane	Clocolan	Free State
James Calata	Jamestown	Eastern Cape
Maletswai	Aliwal North	Eastern Cape
Cacadu	Lady Frere	Eastern Cape
Khowa	Elliot	Eastern Cape
MaXesibeni	Mount Ayliff	Eastern Cape
Komani	Queenstown	Eastern Cape

NB: Please note that a comprehensive list of all published government gazettes on standardization of geographical names is available through the Department of Arts and Culture website: www.dac.gov.za